

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are all the claims pending in the application.

By this amendment, Applicants note that the claims have been amended for improved clarity and general readability purposes, as well as to correct a minor error in claims 1 and 8.

Applicants also note that a number of editorial amendments have been made to the specification and abstract for grammatical and general readability purposes. Due to the number of changes made, a substitute specification and abstract are submitted herewith. No new matter has been added. Also enclosed is a marked-up copy of the original specification and abstract showing the changes incorporated into the substitute specification and abstract.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-14 are patentable over the prior art cited by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability dated May 16, 2005. Accordingly, allowance of this application is now believed to be in order, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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